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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 with the following amended paragraph:

-- The bearing assembly includes a disk-shaped base plate **40** which is mounted to the wheel by bolts **42** which extend through holes **44** and are threaded into the bores defined in wheel studs **26**. Shaft **50** has a smooth-faced central portion with an inner end **52** and an outer end **54** of smaller diameter than the central portion. The inner end **52** and outer end **54** are separated from the central portion by shoulders. The inner end **52** and outer end **54** of shaft **50** also have internally threaded bores defined therein. The inner end **52** is externally threaded to comprise a stud. The external surface of outer end **54** is smooth. Shaft **50** is secured to base plate **40** by threading stud **52** into a hole defined in the center of base plate **40**, and by securing the shaft **50** with bolt **46**, which bolt is fastened into the internal bore defined in the stud **52**. Pin **51a** protrudes from outer end **54** and extends through aperture **79a** defined in washer **79**. Pin **51b** protrudes from the shoulder of the central portion of shaft **50** and extends parallel to threaded surface of inner end **52**. Pins are provided on ends **52** and **54** to **51a** and **51b** further stabilize shaft **50** and prevent independent rotation.--